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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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News

Higher Education is the Best Gift this Giving Tuesday



We've all heard of Black Friday. Some of us may have even joined the crowds at the stores. But have you heard of [Giving Tuesday](#)? It's a good time to think about spending a little more, but this time with a higher purpose in mind.

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Buzz

State Representative Surprises Professor with Honor



Professor Mary Bruce

State Representative William Davis (30th) had a surprise for Professor Mary Bruce at the Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society banquet on November 20. Rep. Davis announced that he had submitted a [House Resolution](#) (see page 11) in Springfield in honor of Bruce's promotion to Full Professor in Public Administration. The resolution was read by Rep. Davis on the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives on October 20. Among other things, the resolution called Professor Bruce a "diligent and poised educator who serves as a model of integrity and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois."

Grand Opening—The Lakeside Lounge



The Lakeside Lounge, a new space for the GSU community to relax, study, discuss, or watch T.V. will take over the space now called the Cafeteria Annex. New amenities and furniture will turn the glass enclosed area into a bright, comfortable community lounge.

Please note: From now through December 11, no events except the Late Night Breakfast will be scheduled in the former Cafeteria Annex. Events scheduled in the Spring 2016 semester in the former Cafeteria Annex will require a room relocation request. Contact [Event Scheduling](#) for more information.

Late Night Breakfast Rescheduled



Join us for Late Night Breakfast and the grand opening of the Lakeside Lounge, Wednesday, December 2 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The event is free for students and there will be plenty of games, music, and prizes for everyone. The Library and Cube will also have extended hours during the event. Be sure to come out early for Open Mic Night at 6:30 p.m.

Salt Creek Ballet Presents The Nutcracker



The Salt Creek Ballet will present [The Nutcracker](#), Saturday, December 5 at 1 and 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. The production is a magical tale featuring Tchaikovsky's enchanting score, a brand new set and costumes – along with waltzing flowers, giant mice, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A delightful holiday tradition for all ages. [Tickets](#) are \$43/\$33/\$23, and Children under 16 are \$23. There will also be photos with Santa at 3 p.m.

FA Link Allows Bookstore Purchases and Rentals with Financial Aid

Students, making purchases at the GSU bookstore is easier than it's ever been with [FA Link](#). You can use your GSU ID to purchase school supplies and text books and more!

FA Link will be available prior to the first financial aid disbursement of each semester. You will be able to purchase or rent books using FA Link during the following time periods:

Spring 2016—November 30, 2015 – February 6, 2016

Summer 2016—April 30, 2016 – June 4, 2016

Update Your Emergency Contact Information



Winter weather can hit us without warning. Please remember to update your emergency contact information [by clicking here](#) so we can keep you informed about the status of the campus and class schedules in the event of a weather emergency. If you are unsure how to update your information, a short tutorial is provided.

Emerging Leaders Program Accepting Nominations

The Emerging Leaders Program immerses freshman in a process of personal development that lays the foundation for the exploration of leadership at GSU. Students participate in workshops, activities, and discussions where they encounter various social issues, including but not limited to multiculturalism, diversity and gender roles, racism, sexism, and religious and socioeconomic issues.

By actively engaging in all program sessions, the students will reflect on a greater understanding of leadership development, communication style and how it impacts their role as student leaders; realize the necessary skills for maximizing their leadership performance; identify the exemplary leadership principles by which they might lead, and develop a coherent plan for their involvement and student leadership experience.

Students may now register for the program through January 22, 2016. Faculty and Staff are also encouraged to nominate a student, by sending their name. The program launch is set for January 28, 2016.

Spring 2016 Welcome Week Events Announced

The GSU campus comes alive with the start of the Spring 2016 semester. Welcome Week activities begin on January 18, 2016 and offer students the chance to get to know the university and each other. Here are some of the scheduled events:

Monday, January 18- MLK Day of Service Projects-Pacific Mission Garden, and in collaboration with [ILCC](#) the [Civic Engagement and Community Service Center](#) will provide multiple service opportunities around Chicagoland, for more information or to reserve your spot, [email](#)

Tuesday, January 19—The Student Leadership Exchange- Meet student leaders from various campus organizations and enjoy hot beverages and snacks between classes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hall of Governors

Wednesday, January 20—Obstacle Course- Test your physical skills in a fun obstacle course and participate in a variety of games and activities for FREE prizes

Thursday, January 21—Club and Organization Fair- Learn valuable information about the registered GSU Student Clubs and Organizations, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hall of Governors

Friday, January 22—Welcome Back Party- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., GSU Gym

Saturday, January 23—FAFSA Workshop â€“ Receive assistance in completing your FAFSA forms, registration is required, for more information, please [email](#)

Monday, January 25—MLK Commemorative Program- Celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in this annual celebration, 10 a.m., Center for Performing Arts.

Warm up for Finals at the GSU Library

The best place to study and prepare for finals is your GSU Library. The library will be open through Thursday, December 3 from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. To keep you going during your studies, warm beverages will be served on the library balcony. The schedule of events including the Late Night Breakfast as follows:

	9-11 a.m.	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 1	Coffee with cream/sugar and hot tea	Hot Chocolate + Hot Cider
Wednesday, Dec. 2	Coffee with cream/sugar and hot tea	Hot Chocolate + Hot Cider

If you are still on campus on Thursday December 3, be sure to come to the library balcony between 5-7:30 p.m. for game night, where you'll have a chance to play some of your favorite board games.

Student Global Citizenship Presentations

Everyone is invited to attend group presentations from students in the first year seminar Global Citizenship class FYS1001-06. Students will tie entrepreneurship and a for-profit business with a global need similar to the story in [Start Something That Matters](#). The presentations will take place Tuesday, December 1 and Thursday, December 3 in Room D34160 from 11a.m.-12:15 p.m. All who attend can [vote](#) on which group has the best and most effective idea and the group that has the most votes wins a prize.

Students-Enter the Literacy Autobiography Writing Contest



Students enrolled in English 1000 this fall are eligible to participate in the Literacy Autobiography Award Writing Contest. As a required assignment in the first semester, the Literacy Autobiography assignment asks students to reflect on how writing and reading have shaped their lives.

Students enter the contest by submitting their Literacy Autobiography by February 27, 2016. Winners will be announced by the end of March and honored at a luncheon. Entries will be judged by a committee appointed by the President's and Provost's offices.

Students are encouraged to continue revising their autobiographies after they have been graded - in preparation for the contest.

Awards:

- First place - \$200
- Second place - \$100
- Third place - \$50
- Honorable Mention - \$25

Awards are funded through the generosity of Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Mort Maimon.

New Way to Submit your News and Events to *GSU View*

Do you have a great story you would like the GSU community or the press to know about? Are you unsure how to submit your story or event to the *GSU View*, social media, or local press? Fear not, because there is now an easy way to submit all your news. Simply go to the new [Request for Event Promotion](#) page on the GSU website. Once there, you can decide where you want your news to be shared: *GSU View*, social media, community announcement in local press, or on the outdoor marquee. You can tell us who your target audience is and whether any pre-event announcements or follow-ups are required. Getting your story shared has never been easier!

GSU Seeking Public Comments

Governors State University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its mid-cycle comprehensive review by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a mid-cycle comprehensive visit February 22-23, 2016, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Governors State University has been accredited by the Commission since 1975. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university:

Public Comment on Governors State University

The Higher Learning Commission

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500

Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Web site by [clicking here on this link](#).

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by January 22, 2016

Events

Master of Occupational Therapy Information Session

The [Department of Occupational Therapy](#) will host an information session for the [Master of Occupational Therapy](#) degree program on the first Wednesday of every month, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Room G 157 at Governors State University. The next scheduled information session will be held Wednesday, December 2. Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts. For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#).

Student Employee Recognition Reception



All on-campus student employees are cordially invited to attend the Student Employee Recognition Reception on Thursday, December 3, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Mingle with fellow student workers while enjoying light refreshments. All students who attend the reception will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the GSU bookstore.

Student workers who have attended at least three professional development offerings presented by the [Office of Career Services](#) will receive a Certificate of Professional Development which President Maimon will present to you personally at the reception. Students who attend and who are eligible for the certificate will also receive an additional ticket for the drawing. You can find a listing of qualifying events on the [Upcoming Events](#) page of the Career Services website.

Register Today for the 2016 Inclusive Leadership Conference

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to register for the 2016 Inclusive Leadership Conference. The conference is designed to help students create an understanding and appreciation for cultural differences through self-awareness while encouraging them to be free of misconceptions and prejudices through social justice education. The conference is scheduled to take place Friday, January 29, 2016. [RSVP](#) before Friday, December 4. Please [email](#) or call x4551 with questions.

Scholastic Book Fair

The [Family Development Center](#) is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair December 7-11 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. All proceeds will contribute to building school and classroom libraries at the FDC. Cash, check or charge cards will be accepted.

Save the Date

MILE Education Administrators Workshop

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) at GSU is hosting a professional development opportunity for education administrators offering Administrators' Academy credits or CPDU's. The program, A Framework for Understanding Poverty AA1100, will be held on Thursday, December 10, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the cafeteria annex.

The program will focus on designing schools and classrooms for students from diverse cultural backgrounds with highly regarded educator Lynda Byrd. This workshop is designed to help administrators better understand the research-based information on generational poverty and examines the inherent social and academic challenges that students raised in a culture of general poverty face.

The cost of the program is \$50 per person. Call 708.534.4024 or register at the [event website](#).

An Evening with Take 6



As winners of 10 Grammy Awards and 10 Dove Awards, the multi-platinum selling a cappella group, [Take 6](#), is beloved throughout the musical universe. These six virtuosic voices unite in crystal clear harmony for an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop. With praise from such luminaries as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald and Whitney Houston, the multi-platinum selling sextet is recognized as the preeminent a cappella group in the world.

Join Take 6 on Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts for an evening of holiday favorites including "White Christmas," "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Christmas Time is Here," "Jingle Bells," "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch," and man more! [Tickets](#) are \$48/\$43/\$38. Come early for a [pre-show cocktail party](#) and get a six sip pass of tasting wine and light appetizers for \$20.

Do You Have Program Ideas for Black History or Sexual Assault Awareness Month?

Submit your program ideas today for the 2016 Black History Month Calendar and for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The 2016 theme for Black History Month is "Black Lives Matter." Cultural heritage months are an excellent way to expose and increase understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity for faculty, staff and students. Black History Month will provide shared learning opportunities designed to increase awareness, acquire knowledge, and develop competencies that will strengthen our campus community, broaden our understanding of diversity, and promote mutual respect and multicultural sensitivity. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016BHM> to submit your program today. The deadline is Friday, December 11. For [more information](#) or inquiries please call x4551.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is April 2016, but ideas for programs are now being accepted. The 2016 theme is "Prevention Is Possible." Please [submit](#) your program idea soon. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 29. For more information please contact [Kelly McCarthy](#) at or call x3966.

Nominate a Black Woman who Rocks!

"Black Women Rock" (BWR) celebrates the outstanding achievements of Black female students, faculty, and staff at GSU. Inspired by BET's Black Girls Rock, BWR aims to empower women to pursue their personal aspirations, encourage women to support others who are making positive strides and enlighten women on tools for success. The 4th Annual Black Women Rock will take place Saturday, February 27, 2016. We invite you to [submit a nomination](#) for the 4th Annual Black Women Rock Awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 22, 2016. For more information or inquiries, please call x4551 or [email](#).

Sports

Jaguars Come up Short in Iowa



The [men's](#) and [women's](#) basketball teams traveled to Forest City, Iowa to play in the Waldorf College Tournament over the Thanksgiving break. Unfortunately for the Jaguars, the teams came up short in their Hawkeye State efforts.

Despite 10 points and four steals from junior GeLina Webb, the women lost 94-46 to the University of Jamestown on November 27. GSU kept it close the next night, but dropped a 64-59 decision to Presentation College. Webb notched 11 points, four rebounds, five assists and four steals in the game. Junior Marlynda Bishop also logged 11 points while senior Raven Phillips earned her first double-double from 10 points and 13 rebounds. The news wasn't all bad as Webb was named to the All-Tournament Team for her performance in the two games.

On the men's side, the Jaguars lost to the host Waldorf College 87-78. GSU had a 50-43 lead in the second half but came up short at the end. Sophomore Jalen Miller led the team with 20 points and four rebounds. Senior Pierre Jolly added 17 points, four rebounds, and two blocks. On Saturday, November 28, the Jaguars traveled to Waverly, Iowa to play Wartburg College. The men came up just short, dropping a 74-71 decision. Junior Willie Lipsey III led the team with 17 points, while Lolly added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and freshman Deon Thomas scored nine points and grabbed 13 rebounds.



Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our Artist's Message on Syrian Refugee Crisis Becomes Part of GSU Campus post:
Vera Tucker Love this!!!



Response to our Thanksgiving, tell us what you are thankful for at #ThankfulGSU post:
Marlo Ingram I am very thankful for the professors and staff at GSU. This is my last semester and I

know that without the staff and professors I would not have made it this far. Thanks for all the encouragement and support.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?

[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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STATE OF ILLINOIS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 823
OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM DAVIS

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Mary D. Bruce on the occasion of her promotion to the position of Full Professor at Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce earned her bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1984, her master's degree in Public Administration from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan in 1992, and her Ph.D. in Political Science from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce began her educational career in 1995 as a substitute teacher in the Detroit public school system; in 1998, she began teaching English and math at Wayne State University; in 1999, she began teaching English and math at the Lewis College of Business; in 2001, she started teaching American Government courses at Wayne State University; in 2003, at Wayne County Community College, she continued teaching American Government courses; from September of 2003 to August of 2004, she served as a lecturer of Intermediate Reading and Writing and Oral Communications/Public Speaking at Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2004, Dr. Mary D. Bruce became an Assistant Professor at Governors State University; while at Governors State University, she has taught numerous courses in public administration, including the Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy Analysis undergraduate courses; she also taught the Seminar in Public Policy: Community Planning and Strategic Planning, Human Resource Management, Seminar in Public Policy, and Seminar in Urban and Local Government graduate courses; in July of 2007, she became a Visiting Professor at the Makerere University Business School in Kampala, Uganda; in 2014, she was selected to serve as the Not-for-Profit/Social Entrepreneurship Concentration Coordinator for Governors State University's doctoral program (Ed.D) in Interdisciplinary Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce is a member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, the African Working Group of the National Academy of Public Administration, the American Political Science Association, the American Society of Public Administrators, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, and the Consortium for International Management, Policy, and Development; she is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and has served on several boards, including the South Suburban Family Shelter and the Access to Care Board; she is also a lifetime member of Jack and Jill of America and an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church since 1998, serving in the fourth Episcopal District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce is a charter member of the International Public Administration Honors Society of Pi Alpha Alpha while at Oakland University and started the Pi Alpha Alpha Society at Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce has authored numerous scholarly publications, including "Training for Disaster Management" for the Illinois Political Science Review, presented a paper entitled "Education at Opposite Ends of the Spectrum" for the Midwest Political Science Association, and published an article entitled "Is Equity in education Attainable?" in the Journal of Public Management and Social Policy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary D. Bruce is a diligent and poised educator who serves as a model of integrity and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Mary D. Bruce on the occasion of her promotion to the position of Full Professor at Governors State University and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Mary D. Bruce as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on October 20, 2015.

Timothy D. Mapes

TIMOTHY D. MAPES
CLERK OF THE HOUSE



Michael J. Madigan

MICHAEL J. MADIGAN
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE